

Modern Despotism.

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We have now experienced two manifestations of this power—as if that which is now taking place before our eyes, was intended to confirm the first catastrophe, to demonstrate its correctness, and to contradict those who regarded the first issue as an accident or as the work of a diabolical intrigue.

Both European Revolutions,—the Revolution of 1789 and that of 1848,—according to the general expectation of the peoples, were to bring freedom to the world,—yet both resulted in despotism. Something wholly new was expected of them—yet they brought forward the old; freedom was equivalent to the new, despotism to the old, yes, to that of the most ancient standing.

But there was a deception here. Both actually